

*IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB  
AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.*

CWP No. 14077 of 2015. [O&M]  
Date of Decision: 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.

Vinod  
Versus

Petitioner through  
Mr. Ajay Kamboj, Advocate

State of Haryana & Ors.  
Respondents through  
Mr. G.S. Wasu, Additional AG, Haryana.

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***CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE P.B. BAJANTHRI***

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- 1. Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?***
- 2. To be referred to the Reporters or not?***
- 3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?***

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**SURYA KANT, J. [ORAL]**

The petitioner questions the decision whereby the seat of Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat of Village Sanghar Sarista, District Sirsa has been reserved for the General Category [Woman].

The plea taken is that in the elections held in the year 2010 also, the said seat was reserved for Woman of General Category and by applying the principle of 'rotation', it ought not to have been reserved again.

The respondents have contested the petitioner's claim. It is pointed out that in view of Section 9[4] of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, there is a legislative mandate to provide reservation for Scheduled Castes as well as Women. The proviso thereto which contemplates the principle of 'rotation' is in respect of the seats reserved for Scheduled Castes only.

As regard to reservation for women of general category, it is clarified that such seats are reserved through 'draw of lots'.

Since the criteria adopted by the respondents to carry out reservation for the Women [General Category] is not in conflict with the scheme of the Statute and 'draw of lots' is a well-recognised mode of short-listing, no interference in the impugned order is called for.

Dismissed.

**( SURYA KANT )  
JUDGE**

**September 28, 2015.  
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